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Dear Ms. Summerson and Mr. Bishop,

- Yucca Mountain is not an acceptable place for nuclear waste because of the geological fault lines that run through and near the area. The waste should be stored where it is in retrievable casks. No highly dangerous waste should be transported across country. Neither should it be stored underground anywhere where an area is geologically unstable. DOE is failing the citizenry of this country by placing highly toxic radioactive wastes in over land transportation.
- 2 Surely you know that Yucca Mountain has been a sacred site for thousands of years for local Native American tribes. This proposed storage site is in violation of the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley with the Western Shoshone, which clearly defines territorial borders for their nation. Let's not add to the hundreds of broken promises that were made to our Native brothers and sisters. Our history with these native peoples is already a shameful one.

The ongoing and indisputable research on this site clearly shows that storing nuclear waste in this area is not safe or ethical. Please do not allow the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. Instead, please use your position of responsibility to stand for a sane, just, and sustainable society for the future generations.

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